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Belgrade Incident — Intelligence reports indicate that Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, taking advantage of President Carter's absence, scored a hit at Marshal Tito's funeral in Belgrade.

Brezhnev improved his relations not only with the Yugoslavs but with other European leaders who attended the funeral.

Brezhnev sowed seeds in Belgrade, according to the reports, which could lead to a Soviet peace offensive in Europe. The real purpose, of course, would be to wean away America's friends and allies.

The American ambassador to Yugoslavia, Lawrence Eagleburger, had urged Carter to attend the Tito funeral. Now the ambassador has recommended that Carter make a special state visit to Yugoslavia to undo the damage.

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